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# Starr meets pope, talks faith

By JORDAN CORONA  
STAFF WRITER

President Ken Starr and Tom Farr of Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs met the pope with about 60 scholars and journalists participating in a two-day conference on Christianity and freedom in Rome last month.

Georgetown and Baylor co-sponsored the event at which contributing scholars presented their research on religious persecution and the ways the Christian faith has contributed to freedom.

This conference was among the first in a series of collaborative efforts between Georgetown and Baylor. Last October, Starr visited Georgetown and sat on a panel discussion about religious liberty moderated by BBC journalist Janet Little. Starr addressed the conference Dec. 14.

In an interview after his visit to Rome, Starr said, "The vision was and is that a great Jesuit University and a great university in the Baptist and free church tradition would join forces and collaborate in various ways with respect to the cause of religious freedom for all persons everywhere." Georgetown is the oldest Jesuit University in the nation.

Though Starr couldn't give specifics on any plans for future partnership with Georgetown, he said his administration hopes and plans for more collaboration.

"Through our Institute for Religious Studies, lead brilliantly by Professor Byron Johnson," Starr said. "Baylor began connecting with Georgetown's Berkley center many months ago."

The conference was the culmination of two-years of research, conducted by 36 scholars commissioned by Georgetown's Religious Liberties Project that Farr directs. Their work, available online, will be printed in a series of three volumes.

"When I observed that Baylor's support of the conference constituted a Catholic—

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TRAVIS TAYLOR | LARIAT PHOTO EDITOR

## A walk to remember

Students from Live Oak Classical Academy march across the Waco Suspension Bridge on Monday as part of the 14th annual MLK Peace March, commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The celebration included spoken excerpts from Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech as well as a performance by the Live Oak choir. Visit [baylorlariat.com](http://baylorlariat.com) for full coverage.

## Shelter demand high among minors

By JORDAN CORONA  
STAFF WRITER

Rhonda Milem didn't know that families who don't have a place to live sometimes stay in the Sandman Motel on Franklin Avenue until she took a job at the Dollar General just down the street.

"I see a lot of kids come here after school," she said.

Children and their families, living in the area, frequent the store where Milem works.

"Sometimes they'll borrow a basket to walk groceries to their hotel rooms," she said.

Although it's more difficult to spot than the stereotypical homelessness, children without a permanent place to sleep represent a subcategory of poverty and homelessness in the United States. Waco is no exception.

Cheryl Pooler, Waco Independent School District homelessness liaison, said it's not unusual for families without a permanent residence to sleep in their cars or take shelter at places with



low weekly rates or to stay with family and friends.

As of 2013 WISD enrollment, 830 children in the school were coded homeless by McKinney-Vento standards. The number reflects students who, in order to qualify for social services, let their case be coded "home-

less" in the school system. Pooler said a lot of families aren't forthcoming with that information for fear that Child Protective Services will intervene. Reaching out for help can be risky with such limited housing op-

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## BAA to discuss group's future

By RAE JEFFERSON  
STAFF WRITER

The future of the Baylor Alumni Association may soon be clear.

The BAA board of directors will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium to discuss the possibility of refocusing the association's mission.

Chad Wooten, the BAA's chief operating officer, said attending members will be permitted to voice opinions about the BAA's future in wake of Baylor University's decision to terminate all existing agreements with the BAA on May 31, 2013.

"We have invited all of our members to come so they can share their opinions," Wooten said. "There are a lot of different options on the table right now."

The termination agreements rescinded the BAA's permission to use the "Baylor" name in the group's title and in the name of its official magazine, The Baylor Line. A 90-day extension between Baylor and the BAA, which allowed the association time to cease all usage of the "Baylor" name, expired Dec. 7.

The BAA still has plans to publish the winter 2014 issue of the Baylor Line magazine in February, Wooten said.

"We'll publish this one and then see where it goes from there," he said.

Baylor has not expressed any intentions of taking legal actions against the BAA for not yet suspending its use of the "Baylor" name, Wooten said.

"It's obviously a possibility, but we're focusing on doing our work," Wooten said.

The decision to change the name of the association, due to the termination agreement, is likely to be discussed,

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## One dead in Purdue shooting; student in custody



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EMS personnel speak with an Cody Cousins, 23, who was detained after a shooting inside the Electrical Engineering building on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

By KEN KUSMER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A Purdue University engineering student opened fire inside a basement classroom Tuesday, killing a teaching assistant and prompting officials to put the campus on lockdown, police and the university said.

Cody Cousins, the man who is believed to have targeted Andrew Boldt inside the Electrical Engineering Building, surrendered to a police officer within minutes of the attack, Purdue Police

Chief John Cox said.

Investigators were trying to determine a motive for the shooting, which happened around noon on the campus in West Lafayette, about 60 miles northwest of Indianapolis. No one else was injured.

"This appears to be an isolated and intentional act," Cox said.

Boldt, a 21-year-old senior and teaching assistant from West Bend, Wis., died at the scene. Cousins, 23, who according to police has addresses listed both in Warsaw, Ind., and Centerville, Ohio, was being held on a prelimi-

nary charge of murder Tuesday night at the Tippecanoe County Jail.

Students described a chaotic scene on the campus. Sophomore Nick Wieland told the Journal & Courier that he was in a basement classroom adjacent to the one where the shooting occurred.

"I heard a couple (shots) and then I heard a man scream," Wieland said. "Then the last few kind of trailed off as I got under my desk. . (I was) just very scared. That's what I felt the entire time."

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# Real crimes don't need fake excuses

## Editorial

It's a common occurrence out in public to see a toddler throwing a bloody-murder tantrum while his mother idly stands by and allows her child to thrust himself around the room in rage.

It's annoying, rude and downright intolerable, but the kid didn't know any better, right? Perhaps he was raised in a home that doesn't teach respect or awareness of others, so the child should have no part in the punishment, no matter how obnoxious or heinous his behavior.

This is also the case for Ethan Couch, the 16-year-old North Texan who avoided serious punishment for killing four people while driving intoxicated last June.

The reason? His attorneys argued Couch was too rich to know he did anything wrong, as his psychologist determined.

A term was given to him despite the outrage of his North Texas town: "affluenza," which is defined as an ailment affecting wealthy younger people, giving them very little sense of motivation or guilt.

Coined in Jessie O'Neil's 1990s book, "The Golden Ghetto: The Psychology of Affluence," it metaphorically diagnoses children who grow up in rich homes and gives them the easy way out of punishment simply because they were raised to be spoiled brats that never learned true responsibility.

Essentially, the court ruled in the likes of this: It's not your fault life fed you with a silver spoon.

Despite Couch's confession to his crime, the courts gave him 10 years probation for his intoxication manslaughter and intoxication assault charges. On top of this, Couch's parents forked over \$450,000 for him to attend a swanky Newport Beach rehab facility following the ruling. As of this month, the families of the victims have filed six civil lawsuits against Couch.

Recently, California Assemblyman Mike Gatto introduced a bill known as AB 1508 that would take a much less passive approach to handling these "troubled" teens and removes the diagnosis of affluenza entirely.

"I view this legislation as a line in the sand about personal responsibility, but I also view it as a way to ensure that people who come from privileged backgrounds will not get a different type of justice," Gatto told the Los Angeles Times.

Besides a verbal slap on the wrist, kids with this diagnosis would otherwise get away with just about anything because it mitigates the responsibility that follows a crime, even intoxicated manslaughter.

Since Couch is allowed to get a slap on the wrist for his crime while strung out on both alcohol and Valium, other ways of life should be considered if the justice system sees fit to play favorites.

If a "get out of jail free" card is used for the affluent, why not included other life circumstances?

For example, why can't Defendant X get away with theft simply because he was burdened with having an athletic build that allowed him to escape faster?

It's a textbook example of responsibility. In the first place, driving is a privilege that comes with responsibilities such as keeping the car inspected, wearing a seatbelt and refraining from driving drunk. Breaking any of these rules, especially the last, would teach anyone of any age a thing or two about staying accountable.

Having a license to drive a vehicle means one has considered the consequences and knows the obligations it requires.

All citizens young or old must adhere to the guidelines and rules of the road to ensure safety and fairness.

Where is the justice for the victims' families when the kid who ran over their loved ones is shown mercy because mom and dad never told him no? Wealth doesn't excuse ignorance and certainly is not above the law.

Conversely, perhaps some believe these types of children truly are too wealthy for their own well-being and in good conscience should not be punished for their parents' success.

Arguably, the parents of the affluent might have an indirect hand in this situation. After all, the aforementioned toddler simply doesn't know better than to disturb everyone within earshot because his mother will not correct him.

Who's at fault? In this case, the parent is held responsible for not teaching her child basic human decency. On a larger scale, the parents of these alleged affluent kids could be held liable for their lack of adequate discipline.

However, obtaining a driver's license also entails the responsibility



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of one's own actions behind the wheel, no matter the age or income level.

But the fact is that innocent people were killed in an act of complete irresponsibility. In the

real world with real adults, serious consequences follow.

If a person commits a serious crime given they are 18 years old, jail time should be in consideration. In any other case such

as Couch's, the person should be treated the same as normal citizens and receive real punishment. Mommy and Daddy shouldn't be able to help eat their child's slice of humble pie.

# Go ahead: Ask me why I'm white

I am a South African exchange student who is in Waco for the semester. I flew over here on the large ostrich Africans use for intercontinental travel and was intrigued to see how long it would take before I was asked my first "Mean Girls" question. A little less than a week and, after introducing myself as South African, a girl asked me "Why aren't you black?" I replied, "I have no idea. Both my parents are, so I was as surprised as anyone to turn out white."

She believed me for a few seconds, before collapsing into giggles. The thing is: It isn't all that funny.

Stereotypes are born of ignorance and a lack of curiosity to discover the people of the world and what makes them unique.

There is a stereotype held in other parts of the world that Americans are ignorant. This is as absurd as the idea that all Africans are black, all Australians are criminals or all Russians store vodka in hip-flasks. Similar to the thought that Africa is one vast country where people mill about herding cows and living in squalor, belittling a people or an area into one homogeneous idea is about the biggest misstep one can make when encountering a person from somewhere else in the world.

I have met many perceptive, engaged and inquisitive Americans who are exceptionally knowledgeable

about my country and continent. I have also met a few fools. Just like I hope you will meet black, white, colored, Indian, Asian and Cape Malay South Africans in your lives.



Ian Currie | Reporter

While some of the stereotypes about Africa and Africans are misguided, they are born from somewhere. Where there's smoke, there's fire (which is more widely available than electricity in South Africa) and Africa has massive problems. War, poverty, poor education systems and massive bureaucratic corruption stymie the growth of a beautiful, diverse and vibrant people.

These are sad realities for many Africans. Some of the stereotypes do hold water, and are indicative

of flaws in our society that can be improved upon.

With the passing of Nelson Mandela, a loss that every South African experienced as very personal, it could be said that the last of the great leaders has passed. There are few transcendental human beings left. In such a short space it is impossible to truly capture why Mandela was not just a seven-day news cycle to South Africans. He was the father of our nation, in terms both literal and figurative.

Without him, I do not exist as a South African. He patiently coaxed life out of a dead country and brought it to rousing cheers and celebration. His humor, integrity and dignity made him the perfect statesman. His gentleness, smile and weathered compassion made him the perfect grandfather. It is strange to think that so much of my identity and makeup comes from an individual I have never met. People like him don't exist anymore. Yet we are all people like him, united in diversity.

As we remember Mandela and, this week, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is pertinent to consider that their moving on was their last great gift to us.

We can no longer point to these leaders as reasons for human decency and compassion. We cannot heap our dreams and hopes, insecurities and baggage on their im-

possibly broad shoulders. Instead it now falls on us to collectively break from our insular cocoons and shake the dust of self-absorption from our eyes.

The responsibility falls on us now. We can either be Mean Girls or fascinating and fascinated creatures with the world at our feet. The large ostrich can take you to any corner of the globe.

If you really are interested, ask me why I am not black. My mother is a white Scottish woman and my father a white South African man. In fact, of the nearly 52 million South Africans, 20 percent are not black. The language of the Lion King is not the only one spoken. South Africa has 11 official languages, some of the most diverse animal and plant life in the world and a vibrant arts and culture unique to our nation and its heritage.

Reading that last paragraph, it would seem that we may have a lot to talk about. Maybe we can even learn something from each other.

If you hear someone speaking with a strange accent, go up to them. Chat a little. There are no wrong questions, just wrong motivations. I hope to be asked why I am not black a few more times while I'm in America. The answer may surprise you.

*Ian Currie is a foreign exchange student from South Africa. He is a reporter for The Lariat.*

## Lariat Letters

### BU shouldn't wear black

Whatever happened to the long-standing tradition of "That Good Old Baylor Line" where we are to "fling our green and gold afar as long as stars shall shine"?

Have the stars quit shining? Apparently so, for there was not even a hint of green or gold on the football uniforms at the 2013 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, only a hideous black which was one of the colors of the opposing team.

The University of Central Florida fans must have been delighted to see their colors on both teams. The UCF fans were also wearing black, which seemed

to make the Baylor team part of their color scheme. I have a hunch that whoever made the decision to wear black uniforms was not a Baylor grad.

Please, either burn or bury those ugly black uniforms which should never appear on a BU team member whether it be football, basketball or any other BU sport. Let's remember who we are and proudly "fling our green and gold afar." And as we do so, let us congratulate the BU football team for an outstanding season.

*Robert Lloyd  
Class of 1943*



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# SeaWorld said to treat whales humanely

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
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ORLANDO — The family of a SeaWorld trainer who died in 2010 when a killer whale pulled her into the water responded Tuesday to a documentary critical of animal captivity at the marine parks, saying the woman killed would never have worked there for 15 years if she thought the whales were treated badly.

Trainer Dawn Brancheau's family members said on the website for The Dawn Brancheau Foundation that they've been repeatedly asked about how they feel about the documentary "Blackfish" since its release last year. They say they continue to support her former co-workers who still train with the marine animals.

Since the documentary, several entertainers have pulled out of planned performances at the parks.

Brancheau was grabbed and drowned by the six-ton killer whale, Tilikum, after a show in February 2010. The documentary examines Tilikum's background and is critical of keeping whales in captivity.

Separately, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration confirmed Tuesday that they were looking into reports that OSHA inspector Lara Padgett, who helped investigate Brancheau's death, had fraternized with the makers of "Blackfish" at film festivals around the nation.

"OSHA is committed to fair and effective enforcement of safety and health requirements in the workplace," spokesperson Jesse Lawder said in an email. "Allegations involving employee conduct are taken seriously and OSHA is investigating."

# Athletic nutrition center to open

By PAULA ANN SOLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Since the announcement of a \$3 million donation for an athletes-only dining hall, Baylor's athletics department will have more than a new stadium to show off in fall 2014.

Plans are currently being drawn for the more than 12,000-square-foot Beauchamp Athletic Nutrition Center, or the BANC, as it is already called in the athletic department. Nick Joos, the executive associate athletics director for external affairs, said the dining hall is expected to be completed sometime in the fall.

Joos said though the donation that made construction possible was announced Dec. 20, after the board approved construction Dec. 19, plans for an athlete-centered nutrition center have long been discussed.

"It's been talked about for a while and it is something that has been very important to all of our coaches but in particular to coach Briles, the football program, the strength and conditioning coach

Kaz Kazadai," Joos said. "The dream and vision has been there for a few years."

To help realize this dream, Bob Beauchamp, the CEO of BMC Software and the vice chairman of Baylor's Board of Regents, along with his wife Laura, donated to the school where three of their four sons have attended. Though Bob and Laura Beauchamp both graduated from the University of Texas, they have a long history of involvement and investing in Baylor including the Bob and Laura Beauchamp Endowed Scholarship Fund at Baylor.

"Laura and I believe the attention created by a successful athletics program has an invaluable benefit to Baylor University by creating a platform that increases the awareness of Baylor as a leader in Christian higher education," Beauchamp said in a press release made by Baylor University. "Our hope is that this new facility enables Baylor's outstanding student-athletes to thrive both on the field and off, propelling them to great performances in competition, and excellence in their

academic pursuits. Our family is grateful for the opportunity to support Baylor at this exceptional time in its history."

The BANC will offer athletes the opportunity to workout, practice, study and get their next meal all in one centralized location, as the BANC will be located next to the Jay and Jenny Allison Indoor Football Practice Facility along the Brazos River. Because of the BANC's close proximity to the athletics department, Anne Hogan, director of sports nutrition, said her job will transform into a more active role in the athletes daily nutritional education.

"What's most exciting for me as their sports dietician is that we will be able to teach them about making the right choices, hopefully put some cooking classes in there and potentially, this is a dream of mine, we will have the chefs become involved and really help the guys learn how to batch cook to prepare for the week," Hogan said. "The capability to educate with the dining hall creates a whole new world of opportunities because I can educate at every

meal. I can walk out of my office and into the dining hall and run into athletes eating and if they're making good choices, they can show me without me asking because I don't want to be seen as 'food police' for them. I want to be seen as just helping them and encouraging them to make right choices."

Hogan said she thinks there is a misconception about the importance of nutrition for athletes and that many people assume an athlete's nutrition only matters while they play in college. The BANC facility will teach life-long skills in proper eating and will soon disprove that notion, Hogan said.

Another beneficial aspect of the new athletes-only dining hall is that it puts Baylor on par with several other Big 12 athletic programs, Joos said. One such school, the University of Texas at Austin, has an athletes-only dining hall located in their Beauford H. Jester dormitory where most athletes live, according to the university's website.

This type of catering to an athlete's busy schedule has come

to be expected and when recruits and their parents come to Baylor, they often ask about exclusive or convenient dining options, Hogan said.

"Parents are of course concerned about their children's meal plans and where is it going to be easiest for them to go and eat," Hogan said. "The dining hall is an amazing tool for recruiting and the fact that it will be on the water, well, it will be beautiful, too."

Joos said a date is not set for construction but it will be some time this spring semester. The facility will be available to student-athletes from every sport, however, because of National Collegiate Athletic Association guidelines, Joos is not sure as of yet if students on partial scholarships will have the same access because of parameters restricting how many meals students may be served.

However, Joos said with the national dialogue focusing on lifting NCAA restrictions, there is a possibility all athletes, those on partial and full scholarships, will enjoy all aspects of the BANC.

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Auditions for the Baylor Religious Hour choir will be Thursday. Contact Bailey Gates at [Bailey\\_Gates@baylor.edu](mailto:Bailey_Gates@baylor.edu) for more information and to sign up for an audition time.

At 6 p.m. tonight in the Campus Recreation Conference Room of the McLane Student Life Center, the Outdoor Adventure Programs will have an information session for interested students about three Spring Break trips. For more information, visit [baylor.edu/campusrec/oa](http://baylor.edu/campusrec/oa).

The Office of the External Vice President is sponsoring Passport Waco until March. Come by the Student Government office to pick up a passport. Visit businesses and restaurants around Waco to be entered to win an iPad.

At 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Bear Park, the Baylor Cricket Team will host their first meeting of the semester. All students are welcome, and no experience is necessary. For additional information, contact [Akshay\\_Chhana@baylor.edu](mailto:Akshay_Chhana@baylor.edu).

At 7 p.m. Thursday at the Bill Daniel Student Center, the Baylor National Pan-Hellenic Council will host Greek 101. For additional information, contact [Sophia\\_Shain@baylor.edu](mailto:Sophia_Shain@baylor.edu).

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# Students create app to aid hairstyle choices



TRAVIS TAYLOR | PHOTO EDITOR  
(From left) Rockwall senior Alex Asbill, Katy senior Alex Le Roux, and Houston senior Javier Vargas show off their new app, SmartSnips.

BY PAULA ANN SOLIS  
STAFF WRITER

For Baylor students having trouble getting just the right haircut to mimic celebrity styles, three Baylor students have created an app that aims to make that task just a little bit more manageable.

Houston senior Javier Vargas, Katy senior Alex Le Roux and Rockwall senior Alex Asbill are the developers of SmartSnips, an iTunes app that helps users track their favorite hairstyles and also communicate to stylists what they want while in the chair.

This app's creation was motivated from the all too familiar feeling of a bad hair day, Le Roux said. He was frustrated after one too many haircuts did not come out the way he had hoped and he decided to create what he called a "recipe" for the perfect haircut using measurements put to use by stylists but often unfamiliar to those getting their hair cut.

"When you encounter a frustrating problem you try to fix it," Le Roux said. "We tried to do that and monetize it at the same time."

The app has been available through Apple's App Store since October and has already been downloaded to hundreds of smartphones. It remembers the hair salon metrics and uses pictures uploaded by users to create an easy-to-understand template that allows users to replicate their haircut on multiple visits or discover new styles, according to the app's website smartsnips.com.

The app also has a "24 Hours Later" section that allows users to describe what their hair looks like after the glow of a new hairdo has worn out.

Though the idea was formed outside of the classroom, its creation was accelerated while the trio was enrolled in Baylor's Accelerated Ventures Program, a two-semester course that teaches students how to start successful companies while in school.

"What we are doing is taking that year and building something we can later keep for ourselves," Vargas said. "So this is our company that we can take to the next step when that time comes."

Vargas said the app is currently free for users to download on their phones and any profits the creators hope to garner would come from deals made with salons that use the application to help their customers. Because the software side of SmartSnips that is used by salon owners is still being tested, Asbill said he could not reveal which Waco spot is using the software to keep records of customers' hairdos.

"We've talked to several salons and just recently finished the software side of it so one local salon is using it right now," Asbill said. "Without spending more than \$20 on marketing so far, we're doing pretty well."

The greatest success story Asbill said the company has had so far comes from a Baylor student who used the app to try out a new hair style.

"He wanted the Kliff Kingsbury hair-

cut like the famous coach from the Texas Tech football team," Asbill said. "He went to a salon he hadn't been to before, showed him through the application what the metrics were and then he received the same haircut and he really liked it. That's one of our favorite stories to tell."

The app helps recreate the "Kliff Kingsbury haircut" by telling the barber how many inches to cut off the top, sides, back and to shape the sideburns and hair on the users neck. This is just one of several celebrity looks that can be found on the app.

With one user happy and several more to come, Le Roux said the group remains motivated to work hard by the reminder that this app is solving a problem not yet addressed by the app market.

Asbill said the app has grown from its original male focus and now includes solutions for female users and as the company moves forward they will expand on female priorities. Asbill said female expertise and expertise in general that is used by the app comes from researching and talking with professional stylists.

"The question that people always ask is 'Does it work?' and from what we know the answer is that it does work," Asbill said. "And a lot of people also ask, 'Do people really care what their hair looks like?' and we say yes. Hair is the one thing that people are constantly fixing, cutting and updating. It's something that everybody sees so we think this will be something positive going forward and will improve your everyday haircut."

# New storage space available for data

BY NICO ZULLI AND ALLYSSA SCHOONOVER  
REPORTERS

Baylor Box Service is a newly available cloud-based service system that provides greater storage and security of data for students, faculty and staff.

Baylor Information Technology Systems (ITS) partnered with Box to use their enterprise content collaboration and user management capability.

"Box offered an enterprise solution that makes it easy for the university to store, protect, and manage data of both students and faculty and staff," said Vicky Gerik, assistant vice president for client services.

Although Box can be used for personal use, similar to Dropbox, the ITS team said a major determining factor in selecting Box over Dropbox was its security function.

Students can now access Box by going to [baylor.box.com](http://baylor.box.com) and logging in with their Bear ID and password. After accessing their account, students can then download the Box app for free on the iTunes app store or Google Play.

Box has established a successful presence on many university campuses across the country as a primary source for storage of data and information.

"Cloud-service technology is the future and we want to give students the opportunity to use the newest technology as a resource," said Micah Lamb, assistant director of systems support at Baylor.

Lamb worked with Gerik and Mark Mastin, project manager and manager of software, operating system services, and server support, to implement this new storage technology available to the Baylor community.

Aside from security and storage, Box's is available in app form, so users can access it on their mobile devices.

Though Bearspace has served as the go-to portal for storage at Baylor, the ITS team said Box not only allows more online storage capacity and stringent security, but can be accessed through any

iOS or Android mobile device. The most recent improvements to the Box app for iOS were made on Jan. 15.

"The use of Bearspace was pre-mobile device explosion," Lamb said, "It has now become an older technology."

Gerik said although the Electronic Library Group plans keep the existing contract with Bearspace through 2015, ITS hopes to ultimately transition students to the Baylor Box Service.

Bearspace only allows users to upload a maximum of five gigabytes total. With Box, a single file can be up to five GB and users can load up to a total of 50 GB. This means that Box has 10 times the storage space of Bearspace.

Mastin said Box also ensures faculty and staff maximum security of day-to-day confidential data with its use of the Shibboleth software package.

He said Shibboleth is a commonly recognized software package within the realm of ITS, particularly as it relates to education.

"Shibboleth allows ITS to interact and manage permissions to the Box storage system on the Baylor campus," he said. "Essentially, when students, faculty, and staff use their password and Bear ID, the software authenticates them through a server on the Baylor campus. They are then able to access their documents and files stored on the off-site Box system server."

Lamb said the likelihood of encountering data malfunctions or server issues with cloud-based service technology is low.

"The information stored on the Box server is replicated in multiple data centers, and that is the job of these cloud-service companies — to protect your data," Lamb said. "So, this is not to say that an issue could never occur, but the probability is highly unlikely."

With regard to the use of the Baylor Box Service following attendance or employment at Baylor, the ITS team affirmed the future possibility of converting student, faculty and staff accounts into personal accounts.

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# All grade levels in Midway ISD to receive iPads

By REBECCA FIEDLER  
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Midway Independent School District is changing the way its students learn by issuing an Apple iPad to each child in kindergarten through 12th grade. The introduction of these devices into students' hands is a point of contention for some people, and the district is attempting to address the issues.

Last year Midway ISD administrators and faculty tested iPad usage with elementary students, which is a part of the technology-incorporated learning plan, the 1:1 Initiative. An iPad model 2 was given to each student at Speegleville Elementary School. Traci Marlin, public information coordinator for Midway ISD, said the study of iPad usage at Speegleville showed positive results with students' grades.

During that year, Speegleville ranked #1 in performance improvement for its state peer group, which compared the school to 40 other schools in the state that are similar in size and demographic.

"Midway does not believe that iPads are magic, but that they're tools with endless possibilities," Marlin said.

The funding for the iPads being distributed to all Midway students comes from a bond voted upon by taxpayers in May 2013. For Midway's implementation of the 1:1 Initiative, \$5 million of the \$34.5 million bond will be used on iPads and other technology, such as updated Wi-Fi, servers, apps and Otterbox cases.

"Essentially, we've asked our taxpayers for permission to spend local tax funds on projects," Marlin said. "It can be a tax increase, but it's not necessarily a tax increase."

Marlin said she compares the bond to a home loan or mortgage, where the school district can use

the money up front, and then it will be paid back over time.

"In this case, we did not actually have to raise taxes to pay it back over time because the amount we're getting from taxpayers each year is enough to pay back the bond," she said.

Marlin said she projects the \$5 million will be paid off in five years.

Dr. Brooke Blevins, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at Baylor, said the integration of modern technology into schools is happening around the country, and that there have always been initiatives to have technology in school.

"I think there are benefits and downsides," Blevins said. "One benefit I see is that today students are digital natives."

Blevins said teachers are now having to learn how to work with a generation of students who are accustomed to the use of digital technology.

"It is the reality of students' lives," Blevins said. "So to ignore that in classrooms, I think, is problematic."

Some parents of Midway students have expressed their concerns about a \$250 fee that students' families will be required to pay if an iPad is broken or stolen.

Marlin said, however, students are already responsible for paying for textbooks, musical instruments, sports equipment and other school property if damaged.

"It's not brand new for our students to be responsible for hundreds of dollars of school district property," she said.

For students from low-income families, Midway officials have been discussing how to handle the situation should an iPad break and one of these students owe \$250. Marlin said the officials are still trying to decide what they would do, but they aren't anticipating



Freshman Kristin Breen of Midway High School receives instruction from Mike Ward, the lead district technician, as she installs software to her school-issued iPad.

many problems with breakage.

Some other districts have required students to pay user fees or have mandatory insurance with their iPads, so those are things Midway is taking into consideration, Marlin said.

"We are reserving the right to require a user fee in the future, but we are not doing it this spring," she said. "If there's no breakage, and no damage that we can't repair and handle, then we wouldn't necessarily have to initiate fees in the future."

Right now parents have the option of acquiring private insurance for their child's iPad.

Midway has also introduced procedures for handling iPads,

where students must keep two points of contact at all times when holding iPads.

There has been little theft at other campuses and no cases of theft at Speegleville so far, Marlin said.

Other schools in Texas have already begun using iPads, and staff from Midway ISD have interviewed school officials and visited the campuses to evaluate the student usage of iPads in curricula. Marlin said observations at other schools have shown Midway officials that students tend to be responsible with the technology. At Speegleville Elementary, almost 300 iPads were issued and only two broke, Marlin said. One of those

belonged to a staff member. Both iPads were able to be repaired in-house with the school's own technology department.

"So we're basing our expectations off of what these other schools have seen as well," Marlin said.

Sophie Tullos, a freshman at Midway High School, said she is only somewhat excited about getting her iPad and is concerned she may accidentally break it.

"I have a tendency to be clumsy about things, so I'm slightly worried about that," Tullos said.

Tullos said she already has a Kindle tablet and iPad at home, so she doesn't feel she'll use the Midway-issued iPad at home. She said she does expect that using the iPad in class will be fun, but isn't sure if Midway ISD purchasing the iPads is a good thing.

"It's a lot of money, and not necessarily everybody wants it," Tullos said. "None of my friends are really excited about it."

Other students are happy about the new technology. Quinn McGinty, also a freshman at Midway High School, said he is very excited about receiving his iPad.

"I think it will be really good for education," he said. "Some stuff is meant to stay with paper, but I think this is going to help a lot."

Michele Giroir, the mother of a senior at Midway High School, said her concern with the iPads is that the Otterbox cases do not cover the glass screen, only the back of the iPad.

"They'll have to be careful with them," she said.

Overall, Giroir said she thinks the iPads are a good idea for the district.

"I think it will be good in the long run because it's just how kids learn these days," she said. "I think it will hold their attention more. I think it would be great in the long

run if it would replace their textbooks."

Middle and high school students may take iPads home with them during the school year for use, while elementary and intermediate school students may only use the iPads in the classroom. Monday, iPads began to be distributed to the high school students and next week, the middle school will begin to receive them. The order will then progress downward through the grade levels.

The iPads used at Speegleville are the iPad 2 model. These will be taken and given to the kindergartners and first-grade students, while second through 12 grade students will receive the iPad Air model. Marlin said iPad Airs are better for science applications and work faster with Wi-Fi and downloading.

Marlin said Apple's updates to its models of iPad have been a major topic discussed by Midway officials.

Marlin also said using the iPad Air will give the iPads an expected four to five years of use until they will need to be replaced, Marlin said.

Midway ISD school principals have set different expectations on how the iPads are to be used at different grade levels. The iPad is a tool for teachers to use, but there is not any mandatory expectation of constant use in the classroom, Marlin said. It is up to the teachers to plan their lessons and how they will integrate the iPads.

"At this point, it isn't about replacing the textbook," Marlin said.

Marlin said e-textbooks, if used, should be something that downloads on an iPad and are usable without the internet. Students have the option to go to a local library with Wi-Fi or around campus for special projects requiring internet usage outside class, she said.

# Storm buries Northeast; 15.5 inches of snow in New Jersey

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PHILADELPHIA — A swirling storm clobbered parts of the mid-Atlantic and the urban Northeast on Tuesday, dumping nearly a foot and a half of snow, grounding thousands of flights, closing government offices in the nation's capital and making a mess of the evening commute.

The storm stretched 1,000 miles between Kentucky and Massachusetts but hit especially hard along the heavily populated Interstate 95 corridor between Philadelphia and Boston, creating perilous rides home for millions of motorists.

The National Weather Service said Manalapan, N.J., got 15.5 inches of snow, Philadelphia got slightly more than a foot and Brookhaven, near Philadelphia's airport, got 15. It said parts of New York City had 10 inches.

The snow came down harder and faster than many people expected. A blizzard warning was posted for parts of Massachusetts, including Cape Cod.

Highways in the New York City metropolitan area were jammed, and blowing snow tripled or even quadrupled drive times.

"I just want to get to the Bronx," motorist Peter Neuwens lamented. "It's a big place. Why can't I get there?"

In Jersey City, N.J., Stanley Gaines, wearing just a thin jacket and huddling beneath an overhang as snow stung his face, said he had been stuck for more than an hour waiting for a ride home from his appointment at a Veterans Affairs clinic.

"I'm waiting on anything I can get: a taxi, a shuttle, a bus," Gaines said, squinting to read the destination on an approaching bus in near white-out conditions. "I didn't really pay attention to the weather this morning because there was no snow on the ground, and now — this!"

In White Plains, N.Y., Anthony Schirrone pulled over his car to scrape snow from the windshield.

"I just did this five minutes ago," he said. "But it's coming down too fast."

Parts of New England saw ini-

tial light snowfalls turn heavier as the night wore on. Foxboro, Mass., and Providence, R.I., each received about 11 inches of snow, and Stamford, Conn., got 9. Forecasters said the storm could be followed by bitter cold as arctic air from Canada streams in.

In Maryland, 11 inches had accumulated in Northeast Heights. The storm was blamed for at least one death in the state, that of a driver whose car fishtailed into the path of a tractor-trailer on a snow-covered road 50 miles northwest of Baltimore. And police said the storm might have claimed more lives: A preliminary investigation showed wet conditions played a role in a two-vehicle crash that killed two people in Prince George's County, Md.

The storm was a conventional one that developed off the coast and moved its way up the Eastern Seaboard, pulling in cold air from the arctic. Unlike the epic freeze of two weeks ago, it wasn't caused by a kink in the polar vortex, the winds that circulate around the North Pole.

Pennsylvania's Department of

Transportation said it had already blown through more than half of its \$189 million winter weather budget.

"Lots of nuisance storms this season have meant that PennDOT crews have been plowing and treating roads more frequently this winter," spokeswoman Erin Waters-Trasatt said.

This second fierce blast of winter weather is sapping fuel supplies in many regions in the U.S. and sending prices for propane and natural gas to record highs.

Customers who heat with natural gas or electricity probably won't see dramatically higher prices, in part because utilities typically buy their fuel under longer-term contracts at set prices. But propane customers who find themselves suddenly needing to fill their tanks could be paying \$100 to \$200 more per fill-up than they did a month ago.

About 3,000 flights for Tuesday were canceled, with airports from Washington to Boston affected. More than 1,000 flights for Wednesday were called off as well. Amtrak planned to cut back train

service.

The rush to get home early by many workers was evident in Philadelphia, where many commuter trains were packed.

The storm put a damper on New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's inauguration, forcing the cancellation of an evening party on Ellis Island. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick postponed his annual State of the State address, and the Philadelphia Flyers postponed their Tuesday night game.

Schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky stayed closed for an extra day after the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday or sent students home early. Some parents kept their kids home all day, unwilling to put them on slippery roads for a few hours of school.

Federal workers in the Washington area also were given the day off.

Standing in Philadelphia's LOVE Park with snow swirling around her, visitor Jenn Byrne, of Portland, Ore., said the nasty weather put a crimp in her plans

to do a "giant walking tour" of the city. But she vowed to soldier on, taking cabs instead of trudging. She wasn't wearing snow boots.

"I'll keep going. Just the means of transportation will change a bit," Byrne said.

Others shrugged off the snow as well.

In Herndon, Va., where voters were casting ballots in a special election that was likely to determine control of the state Senate, Earlene Coleman said she felt obligated to make her selection: "It only made sense to come out and do my duty."

Construction worker Tony Cockrell, stopping for coffee at a Hagerstown, Md., gas station, said he planned to continue driving to work sites in western Maryland and northern Virginia to supervise the installation of insulation in building projects.

"If you don't work, you don't get paid," he said, adding that deep cold is good for business. "We're trying to get stuff insulated so it doesn't freeze up."

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## The 'Wright' Stuff

### BU senior gets his shot in spotlight

By TAYLOR GRIFFIN  
NEWS EDITOR

For one Baylor student, validation as an artist is starting to feel like reality.

Guitar in hand, Jasper senior Savion Wright was awarded his ticket to Hollywood last week after his audition on season 13 of the hit reality singing competition "American Idol," a dream Wright said has been a lifetime in the making.

"My whole experience so far now is completely surreal," Wright said. "It's been a rollercoaster ride."

It's a life ingrained in music from birth that has given him the leverage to exceed even his own expectations, he said.

As the son of a pastor, he grew up in a household saturated with music, often singing and playing in front of his own congregation.

"We could have started a family band," Wright said.

Wright made a name for himself in the Waco arena soon after arriving at Baylor, playing on-campus gigs and local stages. His involvement at nearby coffeehouse Common Grounds got students and professionals alike talking.

Wes Butler, the shop's live-event coordinator, met Wright through his frequenting the Common Grounds stage as featured artist.

Butler said Wright is known to deal out a few high fives or perhaps a little dance for the front row.

That joy and charisma, Butler said, is what keeps people on board with Wright.

"The thing that Savion has in Waco that no one else has is that he's a performer," Butler said. "He loves to put on a show, and he's

good at it. People like him."

As for validation, Butler said, Wright seeks it via feedback, good and bad. Constructive criticism is key to any artist's improvement, Wright said.

"The great thing about Savion is that after every show, he'll come to me and ask, 'How can we be better?'" Butler said. "He's always focused on improving and being the best that he can be."

Wright also took the Waco Hall stage on numerous Chapel days for praise and worship. Performing in front of so many Baylor students at once, Wright said, gave him a taste of a real on-stage experience.

"It helped me as an artist and learn how to perform in front of an audience, especially that big," he said. "Baylor has really helped mold me and form me as an artist."

Even through pain and hardships during his college career, Wright said he credits many of the inspirations within his songs to his life as a Bear.

"One of the hardest semesters I had at Baylor led me to write one of my most beautiful songs," he said. "I feel like Baylor has given me a lot as an artist, and I really truly thank God for that."

With Los Angeles on the brain following his graduation in medical humanities, Wright said his craving to audition for "Idol" began in 2005 with Carrie Underwood's winning season. What attracted him was the idea that big city upbringing doesn't always equal success, as Underwood came from Oklahoma roots.

"It proved to me that you can be from a small town and do it," Wright said. "It made me real-

ize that I can do this, and there's a chance for me to make it because she did."

He bided his time, he said, until he felt ready to face the judges with the right amount of creativity and passion. Performing gigs, writing new material and keeping up his fan base were only warm-ups for his impending audition. This year, he was ready.

With high hopes and a shaky hand on his guitar, Wright stepped into the room that October day in Austin to perform in front of three of the biggest names in the industry: "Idol" vets Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and newcomer Harry Connick Jr.

He said he reveres Connick as one of the greats in his field with his swing and jazz influences. Of the judges on this season's panel, Wright said he identifies most with Connick Jr.'s style and outlook on music, and he said he was most nervous to face him during auditions. Laughing, he said he knew if he did something wrong, Connick Jr. would absolutely cut him in half.

"I respect him so much as an artist because he knows so much about music," Wright said. "I can't wait to see what happens more throughout Hollywood Week."

During his audition, he admitted to the panel it took eight years to finally muster up that perfect creative spark he wanted to show off. Those crucial years of practicing and waiting paid off; he wowed the judges with a completely original composition.

But this isn't surprising coming from Wright. In fact, his whole image as an artist stems from his eclectic genre: a tasteful blend of alternative rock, indie, jazz and blues with a hint of reggae. Think The Police collaborates with John Mayer.

Adding to the mix, being a black musician gives his style a special twist, Wright said. Though he can sing it, R&B and soul music typically performed by black singers isn't his forte, but it keeps his listeners intrigued.

"It's definitely not what people expect from a black artist," he said.

While his singing style can be attributed to a variety of artists, the same can be said of his playing methods. Coldplay's Chris Martin influenced his desire to learn piano, and six-string legend Eric Clapton perked his interest on the guitar.

"A lot of different artists influenced me, but it's so unexpected to



COURTESY PHOTO

Jasper senior Savion Wright auditioned for season 13 of "American Idol" for judges Jennifer Lopez, Keith Urban and Harry Connick Jr. Wright said his experience with "Idol" has been "completely surreal."

people," Wright said.

Wright said he clings to both of these instruments the most but can pick up just about anything he sees. He dabbles in instruments like the mandolin, ukulele, saxophone, bass, cello and anything else he can get his hands on, he said.

As of late, Wright's attention has been kept by American rock band The Black Keys, even employing one of its hits, "Lonely Boy," for one of his first auditions in front of the show's producers prior to the panel. Keeping true to himself, he spruced it up to make it his own.

"I did it a totally different way," Wright said. "I never do a song the same as the artist. I gave it a more bluesy acoustic feel."

Following suit to his Wacoan fan base, Butler said the strategy for getting America sold on Wright is simple: keep it in his roots.

"I think that what is going to be key for Savion is just being himself," he said. "He is a very joyful guy, and he gets excited about performing and this career."

Few can attest to Wright's musical grit more so than Plainview senior Mark Cunningham, who met Wright on the first day of move in at Penland Residence Hall their freshman year.

Cunningham said he vividly remembers knocking on the room two doors down from him after hearing the guy inside playing guitar and singing. As a musician himself, he said he brought over his new drum box, offering to join the jam session to break in the new semester.

Wright said it took around 45 minutes of playing to formally introduce themselves. Since move-in day, the two have re-

mained buddies despite the ebb and flow of the past few years of college. After all this time, Cunningham said he can still attest to what makes Wright so unique and his definite selling point on "Idol."

"I have no doubt that Savion's going to go far on the show because people are going to get to see him for who he is," he said. "Not only is he incredibly talented, but he's just a really likeable guy, and I think America's going to want to vote for him."

Proclaiming him as one of the most determined people he's ever met, Cunningham said he believes Wright's tenacity will outshine even the stiffest competition.

"I honestly think he just has a passion for music and just wants to

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MATT HELLMAN | LARIAT FILE PHOTO

Shingle Springs, Calif., junior Jeremy Ashburn, Hico sophomore Jeffrey Traylor, Jasper senior Savion Wright and Coopersburg, Pa., junior Jake Cermak perform as a group called Savion + the Standard. Wright took his solo act to Austin to audition for season 13 of "American Idol."

## New Waco Yoga Bar to serve weekly hot classes

By KATHRYN WORRALL  
REPORTER

Downtown Waco is getting a new bar, but the Yoga Bar will be a healthier — and hotter — bar.

The Yoga Bar will be Waco's only gym to exclusively offer yoga and is planning a soft opening by the end of January. Owner Dani Owens, a December 2012 Texas Christian University graduate, never expected to open a yoga studio. Owens, who grew up in Waco, began practicing yoga while at TCU. When she returned to her hometown, she saw the need for a yoga studio.

"I know gyms in town do have yoga, but I couldn't go to one spot and have a week planned out for just yoga classes," Owens said. "I knew someone else was going to do it if I didn't, so I took a leap of faith."

A unique feature of the Yoga Bar will be the option of infrared heated classes. Different from the common "turn the thermostat up" hot yoga classes seen around Waco, the infrared heaters, located above yoga participants, are similar to the warmth of the sun, rather than a thick, humid "can't breathe" heat, Owens said.

Elizabeth Oates, a yoga instructor at WRS Athletic Club, teaches the only hot yoga class in Waco.

Instead of infrared heaters, every Sunday, Oates heats the room to about 95 to 97 degrees and students practice a slower approach of yoga, the Vinyasa, which focuses on holding each body pose and getting a deep stretch. WRS' hot yoga class is the most attended class on its schedule, Oates said.

Other gyms and studios in town, such as Baylor's Bearobics or the Ridgewood Country Club, offer yoga classes, but do not teach hot yoga.

"Usually hot yoga classes are more power-based," Spicewood sophomore Sheridan Aspy, a student yoga instructor for Bearobics, said. "If you were compare it to the classes we do at the McLane Student Life Center, we have a power yoga class. It's similar to hot yoga — the only difference is the room temperature."

Regardless of the type of hot yoga, the warming of the body helps release toxins and can help improve various health problems, such as allergies, insomnia, and chronic pain issues, Oates said.

"You're going to feel great after it, even though you're not going to look so cute," Owens said.

The Yoga Bar plans to offer the option of hot yoga for its two main styles of yoga — Unwind and Glow. Unwind classes will focus on holding each yoga posi-

*"I knew someone else was going to do it if I didn't, so I took a leap of faith."*

Dani Owens | Yoga Bar owner

tion and connecting breaths with each movement.

Glow classes will be fitness based, powerful and focus on moving the entire time. Another class offered by the Yoga Bar will be the Essentials class — an option for beginners to learn basic poses, props and proper body alignment.

"I want the studio to be beginner friendly," Owens



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Dani Owens, owner of Yoga Bar, has practiced yoga for several years. Upon returning to Waco, her hometown, she said she saw a need to open a yoga studio.

said. "Yoga is for everyone — it's your practice."

Owens and Jelena Sudar will be full-time instructors at the Yoga Bar. Sarah Hess, who teaches the Farmer's Market yoga classes, and Amy Tarter, who teaches Beginning Relaxation and Fitness for Baylor as well as at Ridgewood Country Club, will also teach. Owens' aunt, Mary Dwyer, will teach one group class for three and four year olds.

Once a week, the Yoga Bar will hold a "Healthy

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## 'Gravity,' 'American Hustle' lead Oscar nominations

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Hollywood, we have liftoff.

The 3-D technological wonder "Gravity" and con-artist comedy "American Hustle" each picked up 10 Oscar nominations Thursday, including for best picture. The field of nine top nominees also includes "12 Years a Slave," "Captain Phillips," "The Wolf of Wall Street," "Nebraska," "Dallas Buyers Club," "Her" and "Philomena."

Actor Chris Hemsworth and Cheryl Boone Isaacs, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, revealed the nominations in Beverly Hills, Calif. Ellen DeGeneres will host the 86th Academy Awards on March 2, from the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.

Compared with fellow nominees such as Leonardo DiCaprio and Matthew McConaughey, Chiwetel Ejiofor was an unknown to many moviegoers. Until, that is, they watched

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his portrayal of enslaved free man Solomon Northup and saw his eyes burn with determination as he vowed, "I don't want to survive. I want to live!"

The London-born actor is the face, in every way, of the scorching drama about a husband, father and musician lured to Washington, D.C., under false pretenses, drugged and sold into slavery.

Ejiofor was nominated along with Christian Bale as

a fraudster in the thick of Abscam in "American Hustle"; McConaughey as a Texan with AIDS in "Dallas Buyers Club"; Bruce Dern as a gullible retiree who believes he's won a million dollars in "Nebraska"; and DiCaprio as a stockbroker given to Roman emperor-style excess in "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Cate Blanchett, recently called "one of the two greatest living actors" (alongside Meryl Streep) by her "Monu-

ments Men" director George Clooney, enters the best actress contest as the front-runner for "Blue Jasmine." The Woody Allen drama, which partially takes its name from the song "Blue Moon," shows what happens when comfortable cocoons of wealth and lies are stripped away and those inside are left exposed.

Also nominated for leading actress: Sandra Bullock as a first-time astronaut stranded in space in "Gravity"; Amy Adams as a con woman who reinvents herself, down to her English accent, in "American Hustle"; Judi Dench in "Philomena," about an Irish-woman looking for the son taken from her 50 years earlier; and Streep, picking up an 18th nomination for her pill-popping, ailing matriarch in the screen version of the play "August: Osage County."

The competition for supporting actress pits a Hollywood favorite — Jennifer Lawrence in "American Hustle" — against stunning new-

comer Lupita Nyong'o from "12 Years a Slave." The Yale film school graduate, born in Mexico and reared in Kenya, emerged from a field of 1,000 actresses (director Steve McQueen likened it to searching for Scarlett O'Hara) to play the role of Patsy.

Also nominated: June Squibb, "Nebraska"; Julia Roberts, "August: Osage County"; and Sally Hawkins, "Blue Jasmine."

Lending masculine support and being rewarded with nominations: Jared Leto, "Dallas Buyers Club"; Michael Fassbender, "12 Years a Slave"; Barkhad Abdi, "Captain Phillips"; Philadelphia native Bradley Cooper, "American Hustle"; and Jonah Hill, "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Competing for top director are David O. Russell for "American Hustle," Alfonso Cuaron for "Gravity," Alexander Payne for "Nebraska," McQueen for "12 Years a Slave" and Martin Scorsese, "The Wolf of Wall Street."



'Gravity' starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney is up for ten Oscar nominations.

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dedicate his life to it," Cunningham said. "He has that self-motivation."

Although Wright has survived only the first round, he said he wants to prove himself to both the judges and America that he's ready to break into the business.

"The question I'm always asking myself is, 'Am I good enough?' or, 'Can I really do

this as an artist?" he said.

No matter where he ends up in the competition, Wright said his heart is set on pursuing this art form permanently.

"I just like playing music," he said. "I know for sure it's what I want to do for the rest of my life. I don't want to do any other thing. Honestly, if music were a woman, I would marry it."

Wright's biggest goal? Winning a Grammy before age 30, but until then, he's preparing for the Hollywood Week and constantly reminding himself of his own philosophy on music.

"Never give up on something that you can't go one day without thinking about."

Baylor alumnus Bryan Watt will be featured on "American Idol" at 7 p.m. tonight as part of the Detroit auditions.



Amy Tarter, Beginning Relaxation and Fitness instructor, owner Dani Owens and instructor Jelena Sudar will lead classes at Yoga Bar. Yoga Bar will have optional infrared hot yoga classes.

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Happy Hour," which will promote various goods to support clean lifestyles. Owens hopes businesses around town will join in and sell their products.

"If someone is selling something natural or making it, or for us, it will be happy hours for fresh juice or essential oils," Owens said. "It can be anything that's healthy for a lifestyle change."

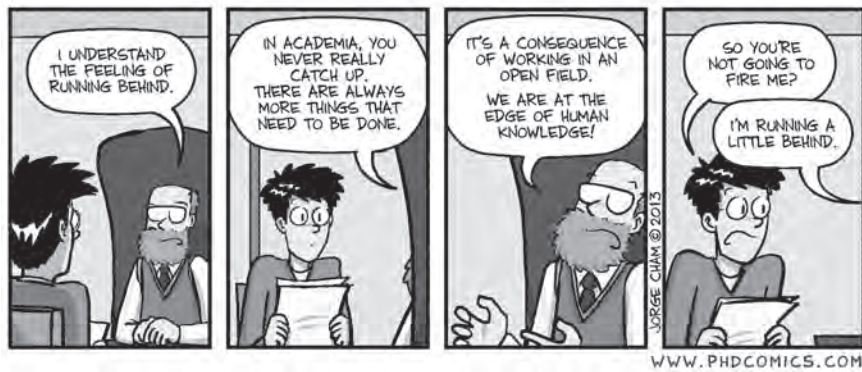
The Yoga Bar's "Healthy Happy Hour" will promote healthy, eco-friendly choices often associated with the yoga lifestyle. Yoga Bar will be selling fresh juice, yoga wear and other yoga products.

"My goal is to shift small things," Owens said. "Even if someone just buys a bees wax candle, that's one thing in their life they can change to make their lifestyle a little cleaner."

The Yoga Bar will start with 24 classes per week, around four to five one-hour classes per day, and will be open Monday through Saturday. An unlimited monthly membership will cost \$110, and five class and 10 class pass rates will be released soon. Private sessions are also available. The first class is free, and corporate rates and student discounts will also be offered.

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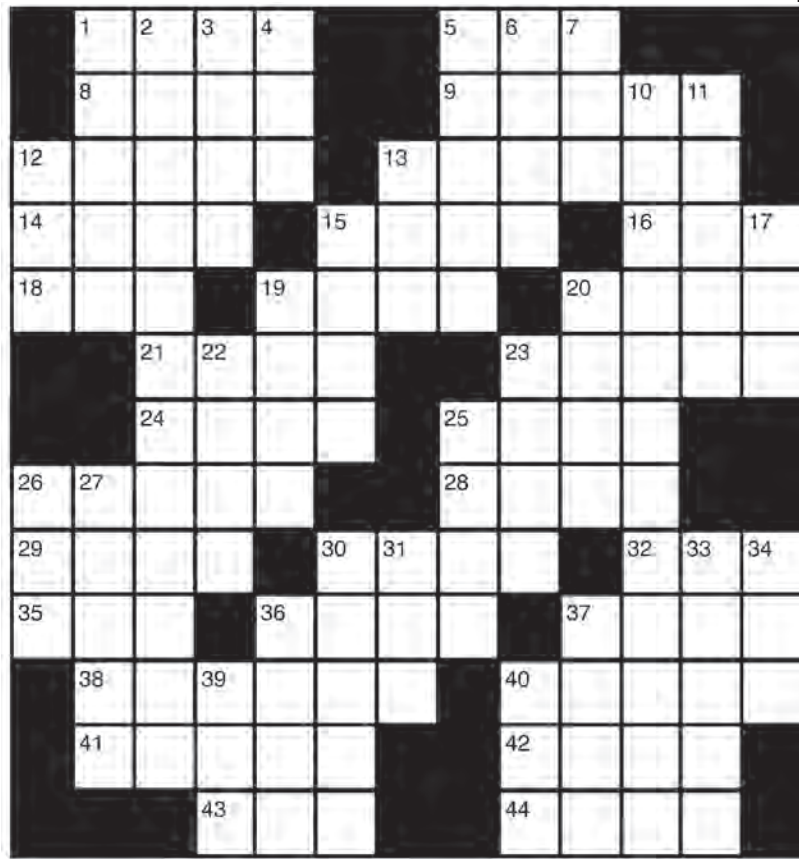
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## Bears ready for 2014 after first Big 12 title

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS WRITER

After a tough loss on New Year's Day in the Fiesta Bowl, it can become easy to forget the significance of Baylor football's season.

Behind one of the best offenses in NCAA history, Baylor fought its way to a Big 12 title, a school-record 11 wins and its first appearance in a BCS bowl game.

The Bears came out of the gate this season on an absolute tear. Baylor scored 69 or more points in each of its first four games this season and outscored opponents 282-65 in that span. There was a small scare in the first road game against Kansas State, but Baylor righted the ship with a massive 71-7 win against Iowa State in Waco and a sound 59-14 victory against Kansas.

Baylor went into a matchup of top 10 programs hosting No. 10 Oklahoma, where the Bears turned heads by soundly defeating the Sooners 41-12. In the game, senior wide receiver Tevin Reese, senior running back Glasco Martin and junior running back Lache Seastrunk were all injured.

Baylor headed to Arlington without the offensive trio, where they lit up Texas Tech 63-34 behind huge days from freshman running back Shock Linwood and junior receiver Levi Norwood. At that point, Baylor was ranked fourth in the BCS and third in the Associated Press poll.

With the eyes of the nation upon them, Baylor went into Stillwater to play No. 10 Oklahoma State, a matchup that was featured on ESPN's College Gameday. The Bears were embarrassed 49-17, effectively ending their hopes of playing in a national title game.

Despite the loss, Baylor was able to beat TCU the next week. Oklahoma State lost to Oklahoma in surprising fashion, which set up the Dec. 7 game against the Texas Longhorns as the de-facto Big 12 championship game. Baylor handily defeated Case McCoy and the Longhorns to win its first Big 12 Championship in the final game at Floyd Casey Stadium.



Junior running back Lache Seastrunk, who declared for the NFL Draft, rushes the ball against UCF on Jan. 1 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. The Bears won the Big 12 title and went to a BCS bowl game for the first time in program history.

The Bears traveled to Glendale, Ariz., to play in the Tostitos BCS Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day. Despite coming in as heavy favorites, Baylor was unable to get consistent stops on the defensive end. The Bears finished the season with a disappointing 52-42 loss to the UCF Knights.

Baylor finished the 2013 season with a record of 11-2, a new school record for wins. This was also the first BCS appearance for Baylor football and first conference championship in the Big 12 era.

There had been rumors cir-

culating all season whether head coach Art Briles would leave Baylor to coach at the University of Texas. All that came to rest on Jan. 3 with Briles releasing a statement, finally putting all rumors to rest.

"I have no desire to pursue other coaching positions," Briles said in the statement. "I am both humbled and honored to be the head coach at Baylor University. I look forward to leading the Bears onto the field next fall at McLane Stadium and defending our Big 12 Championship."

Many thought that Baylor

could be special heading into the season, but few thought the Bears would finish their season in a BCS bowl. Baylor broke the all-time yardage record for 13 games. Much of that can be attributed to the surprise play of junior quarterback Bryce Petty.

After Robert Griffin III and Nick Florence, Petty became the third straight Baylor starting quarterback to already have a Baylor diploma. Heading into the season, Briles said a reasonable expectation for Bryce Petty would be to break every Baylor record.

Petty did his best to do just that. In his first season at the helm, Petty threw for 4,200 yards and 32 touchdowns while only throwing three picks on the season.

Petty finished the season as the second most efficient quarterback in college football behind only Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston.

Heading into next season, Baylor's offense will return six out of 11 starters, including Petty. Seastrunk opted to enter the 2014 NFL Draft, but Linwood showed major flashes in Seastrunk's absence.

Despite only starting at running back in two games, Linwood finished the season sixth in the Big 12 in rushing yards.

Despite losing Reese to graduation, Baylor may be stronger at the wide receiver position than ever before.

The Bears will return five receivers who played significant minutes. Freshman wide receiver Robbie Rhodes, a four-star recruit, should return from injury and take another step towards contributing. Four-star high school recruits Davion Hall and K.D. Cannon could have a chance to contribute as well.

With the added talent and experience at wide receiver to go along with another year from Petty, Baylor has a chance to be even better on offense than it was in the record-breaking 2013 season.

The big question marks will come on defense, where Baylor graduates seven starters, one of which is All-American safety Ahmad Dixon.

Despite the graduations, the Bears will return nine players who have played major minutes, including All-Big 12 junior linebacker Bryce Hager.

The strongest area for Baylor will be on the defensive line. The Bears return seven defensive linemen who played key minutes in 2013.

Former starter Javonte Magee is also expected to return for Baylor after redshirting last season. Sophomore defensive end Sam Ukwuchu will play next season after sitting out the season as a transfer from Boise State.

If Baylor can receive meaningful contributions from inexperienced underclassmen on the defensive side of the ball, the Bears can set themselves up to be one of the best teams in football once again next season and to compete for the Big 12 Championship.

Baylor will open its new riverfront stadium on Aug. 31 against in-state rival SMU.

With matchups against Northwestern State, at Buffalo and Iowa State to follow, Baylor likely won't face its first test until they play against Texas in Austin on Oct. 4.

## Offense meets defense in Super Bowl

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Good as it gets: Peyton Manning's Denver Broncos will face Richard Sherman's Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl

Manning's Denver Broncos and Sherman's Seattle Seahawks were the NFL's best all season, so it's fitting that they'll meet in the Super Bowl.

Nobody scored as many points or gained as many yards as the Broncos. Nobody allowed as few points or gave up as few yards as the Seahawks.

And nobody won as many games as those clubs, either.

What a way to finish the season. When the AFC champion Broncos (15-3) play the NFC champion Seahawks (15-3) on Feb. 2 at what could be a chilly MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., it will be the first Super Bowl since 1991 pitting the league's highest-scoring team in the regular season against the team that was scored on the least, according to STATS.



Junior forward Royce O'Neale posts up and looks to make a move against the Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday at the Ferrell Center. O'Neale averages 6.2 points per game this season.

## O'Neale's versatility paying off for Bears

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH  
SPORTS WRITER

A year ago, junior forward Royce O'Neale was starting for the University of Denver. Everything changed when O'Neale learned about the illness of a family member back in his hometown of Killeen.

"Once I found out about my family issues, I knew I had to come closer to home," O'Neale said. "Coming to Baylor was a family decision, to be closer to home and closer to my family. But I also wanted to play basketball and get an education."

O'Neale was not a highly recruited player out of Killeen's Harker Heights High School.

O'Neale committed to play basketball almost a thousand miles from home at the University of Denver. While at Denver, he turned heads by averaging 10.6 points, 5.7 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.4 steals per game.

"University of Denver was where I needed to be for a while," O'Neale said. "They helped me develop and get better every single day."

During his sophomore year of basketball, throughout a season where he earned Third Team All-Sun Belt Conference honors, O'Neale learned of the family illness and knew he needed to be closer to home.

"Baylor started reaching out to me once I got my release," O'Neale said. "They were close to home and had great academics. They also were probably the best basketball program out of the group. My mom and my sister took a visit back when I couldn't, and they really enjoyed the environment."

O'Neale was also swayed by the presence of fellow Killeen native junior power forward Cory Jefferson.

"We're extremely excited that he chose to play at Baylor," head basketball coach Scott Drew said. "He's a great young man who can do a lot of different things on the basketball court."

The NCAA gave O'Neale a hardship waiver that would allow him to start playing basketball immediately for Baylor. O'Neale's presence has been felt immediately on the court. After starting the season off the bench, O'Neale was moved to the starting lineup after seven games.

Drew referred to O'Neale as a "jack-of-all-trades" player.

"I have an all-around game," O'Neale said. "I do whatever I have to do. I don't mind if I'm not scoring, as long as we get the win. On this team, I'm an energy guy. I just do what I have to do, whether on offense or defense."

This season for the Bears, O'Neale averages 6.2 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game in 25.5 minutes per game.

"I think guys really like playing with O'Neale because he's unselfish and passes the ball," Drew said. "He's got that laid-back personality that everyone gravitates to."

O'Neale believes everything he has experienced has worked out for the best.

"I look at it like I had a late start," O'Neale said. "Eventually I ended up where I needed to be. It's great being back close to home. My family can catch all my games and I can go home if I need to because it's right down the highway. I love being at Baylor. I think we can do something special here."





# Lady Bears host KSU

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

The No. 12 Baylor Lady Bears (14-3, 4-1) are looking to bounce back in another Big 12 face-off against the Kansas State Wildcats (8-9, 2-4) at 7 p.m. tonight at the Ferrell Center.

"After a loss on the road [against Kansas], we're looking forward to playing at home," Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said.

The Lady Bears have not lost at home in Big 12 play since 2010, posting a 29-game win streak that will be on the line tonight.

Baylor is in the mix at the top of the conference, right behind Oklahoma State (16-1, 5-1) and West Virginia (16-2, 5-1).

Baylor leads Kansas State in a number of statistical categories, including field goals (.444 percent), 3-pointers (.326 percent) and free throws made (.732 percent).

On paper, the Lady Bears seem to have the upper hand over Kansas State, but the same could have been said about the Lady Bears' matchup against the Kansas Jayhawks.

Senior guard Odyssey Sims

leads the conference and the nation with 31.1 points per game. Against Big 12 teams, Sims averages 35.4 points per game as the Big 12's best scorer.

"We didn't step up to the challenge [against Kansas]," senior guard Mackenzie Robertson said. "I think, now that that's happened, we're more focused and we understand we have to go hard and get better every chance we get."

Baylor's defense is not necessarily Mulkey's concern at this point; it is the offense that has been raising concerns after the Kansas game.

In the second half, Baylor was outscored 45-28 as a result of turnovers and poor shooting against the Jayhawks.

Other than the Kansas game, Mulkey is positive about how the team has been playing this season, but she said she wants other players to step up around Sims.

"We're asking a lot from Odyssey," Mulkey said. "We've got to be a confident team, regardless of whether you're inexperienced or not. You've got to be confident to play at this level."

Sophomore guard Niya Johnson and junior post Sune Agbuke

each have stepped up in their own respective categories. Johnson leads the team with 6.5 assists per game, ranking 14th in the nation in assists. Agbuke is Baylor's top rebounder with 7.9 boards per game.

"I think we just got exposed on a lot of things," Agbuke said. "Kansas' defense was really confusing. We knew what Coach Mulkey was calling, but we didn't really understand what we were looking at on the floor. We've worked on that in practice and film to get better against Kansas State."

Both Mulkey and Baylor have a favorable record against Kansas State. Mulkey is 19-4 and Baylor is 21-8 all-time against Kansas State.

The Wildcats are coming into this game after a critical 80-74 win over conference rival, Iowa State.

Kansas State freshman guard Leticia Romero is the reigning Big 12 Freshman of the Week. The Spain native leads the team with 14.6 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Junior guard Ashia Woods is Kansas State's secondary scoring threat with 11 points per game.

Kansas State and Baylor tip-off tonight at 7 p.m. at the Ferrell Center. The game will not be televised.



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Senior guard Odyssey Sims drives to the basket against Connecticut on Jan. 13 at the Ferrell Center. The Lady Bears are ranked No. 12 with a 4-1 Big 12 Conference record and an overall record of 14-3.

# Odyssey Sims on prestigious Naismith award watch list

By JEFFREY SWINDOLL  
SPORTS WRITER

For the third straight year, the Baylor Lady Bears basketball team has a player in the mix for the 2014 Naismith College Player of the Year award. Brittney Griner won the award the past two years, and senior guard Odyssey Sims, if she wins, will be the only other Baylor player to win the award.

Sims is also on the watch list for the prestigious Nancy Lieberman Award, which is awarded to the na-

tion's top point guard in women's Division I basketball. She would be the first Baylor player to ever win that award.

"Odyssey is just a special player, Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey said. "She feeds off of her own success. One minute she is the off-guard, the other she is the point guard. I'm glad she is on my team."

The No. 12 Lady Bears basketball team is thankful to have Odyssey Sims as a teammate, player and leader, but Sims' role on the team is a task that the Lady Bears have

been trying to establish since the beginning of the season.

One of the major themes for the team this season is overcoming inexperience and developing maturity.

Sims is the lone veteran with significant playing time, in terms of marquee games and amount of minutes over the years. Role players from past teams have been asked to step up this season as starters to help Sims.

Sims is leading both the Big 12 and the nation in scoring with

31.1 points per game, and is the program's leader in three-pointers made. Even on an off-night, Sims expects to be a leader for the team in other ways.

"When my shots weren't falling [against Connecticut], other people stepped up, and I have to continue to lead this team regardless of whether my shots were making it or not," Sims said. "On nights like that, I have to continue shooting, and hopefully that can help us win with my shots being the offensive will."

Mulkey acknowledges the Lady Bears' overall level of inexperience as well as lack of size on the perimeter, but said Sims' role on the team enables the team to still do great things on offense, even without the weapons they used to have.

"Odyssey's very presence on the floor makes us better," Mulkey said. "She's not a ball hog or a selfish player. She believes she can make the shots she takes."

If you don't believe Mulkey, Sims' numbers speak for themselves as she is the program's all-

time leader in assists, averaging 4.3 per game.

Sims has multiple facets to her game, and that is an asset for the Lady Bears.

"She can beat you off the dribble, she can shoot the three-ball, and a lot of times those good ones do not want to play defense, but we all know what she means to everyone on the floor defensively," Mulkey said.

Sims' versatility and talent on both sides of the ball make her a standout player.

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the conference constituted a Catholic-Baptist alliance, about which we were all supremely excited, Francis responded with a big smile," Farr said in an email to the Lariat.

Farr presented the Pope Francis with Spanish translation of a book titled "Religious Freedom: Why Now?"

"The Pope then turned to the group," he said, "And said, in English, 'pray for me!' He then added, looking at our team, 'go on!'"

The pope's speech presented a history of religious liberty by an American perspective.

"The struggle for religious liberty did not happen very easily," he said.

A major theme at the academic conference was the idea that Christianity contributes to freedom.

According to Farr's estimate, about 300 participants, found a place to hear the speakers, scholars, clergy and keynotes in the John Paul II auditorium at the Pontifical Urbiana University in Rome.

Starr said the religious liberty is not a focus of public policy or the U.S. State department to the extent that it should be.

Starr referenced last week's chapel message and said Baylor students should have an understanding of the culture of freedom as demonstrated by church history and then be able to engage the public in support of religious liberty.

Farr, who lectured on campus for the Institute for Religious Freedom late last September said, "A student should demand the freedom to speak the truth about religion as he or she sees it, and for the right of all others to do the same."



Baylor President Ken Starr greets the pope during his visit to Rome. On the trip, he was accompanied by Georgetown University ambassador Tom Farr.

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Julissa Martinez, a freshman in nursing, told The Associated Press that she was in a psychology class on another part of the campus when she received the text alert from university officials telling students to seek shelter.

She said her professor briefly kept teaching, then stopped lecturing so that students could contact people to let them know they were safe.

"He tried to get everything under control because people were freaking out," Martinez said, adding that students were nervous because there was a lot of speculation about the severity of the situation.

The shooting was reported at 12:03 p.m. and Purdue officials issued the campuswide text alert shortly afterward. Cousins was taken into custody outside the engineering building within minutes of the shooting.

Around 1:15 p.m., the university texted students a message telling them there was no ongoing threat on campus and that normal operations would resume in all buildings except the engineering facility.

But the university later announced that classes were being suspended through Wednesday. A candlelight vigil was planned for Tuesday night, with special counseling services being offered to students at several sites around campus.

Purdue Provost Tim Sands said the university's president, Mitch Daniels, was on a weeklong school trip to Colombia but will be cutting his travel short. He was expected to return to campus Wednesday.

Sands, who in June will become president of Virginia Tech, where a 2007 campus shooting left 33 dead, said Purdue will offer assistance to those who need it as the circumstances of Tuesday's shooting unfold.

"We'll provide whatever services we can to assist our students, our faculty and our staff in coming back to a sense of normalcy," he said.

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tions as is the case in Waco.

Child homelessness is a complicated issue. While some can live with their families, others are by themselves. Either way, Pooler said she sees a problem.

"These kids are considered at risk," Pooler said. "Within 48 hours of a student becoming homeless, they are 50 percent more likely to be victims of human trafficking."

She said household economics and citizenship issues, illness, death and personal disputes leave minors displaced from their homes.

When the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a report showing a four percent drop for homelessness since 2012, a quarter of that 610,042 population hadn't even had an 18th birthday.

The U.S. Department of Education counted differently, however, and reported almost 800,000 homeless children enroll in public schools every year.

The number discrepancy is due to two different definitions of homelessness, each preemptively defining part of the solutions dialogue.

"In HUD's eyes, the count refers to folks who are literally homeless — folks living on the streets or sleeping in their car or it's referring to folks who are in a shelter or living in transitional housing," said Katie Fager, Homeless Information System program analyst at the city's Housing and

Development Department.

While the housing department recognizes specific characteristics of homelessness in their definition, public schools keep count from a definition set in place by the McKinney-Vento act that's more applicable to minors in the school system.

McKinney-Vento standards tend to cover a more broad set of circumstances a student with out a home could incur.

The definitions represent two aspects of a dialogue about homelessness. Short-term and long-term solutions have a place when it comes to addressing homelessness.

Teri Holtkamp, Waco homelessness administrator said, "Shelter should be very temporary," she said. "You have to be really careful with the youth and we're trying to figure out what's the best way to deal with that? Shelter or rehousing?"

For Waco minors with out a permanent place to sleep at night, there is a shortage of both.

Jennifer Caballero, lead data analyst at the city's Housing and Development Department, said much of homelessness issue for minors has to do with Waco's lack of affordable housing.

"There just isn't enough permanent housing in Waco," she said.

Currently, the closest short-term shelter available to minors who need a place to stay is in Killeen and operated by the Central Texas Youth Services and Bell, Coryell and McLennan counties.

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Wooten said.

This termination was in response to the BAA's decision, through an association-wide vote, to remain an independent entity instead of merging with the university. According to BAA bylaws, a vote to dissolve the association required a two-thirds majority. There were 1,499 votes cast at the Sept. 7 meeting. There were 830 yes votes and 668 no votes. One vote was thrown out for being in favor of both yes and no.

In order for the agreement to pass, 1,000 yes votes were needed.

"Distinctive among alumni organizations at private universities, the BAA has a tradition of independence as a self-governing organization that has allowed us to serve Baylor University with integrity and loyalty for over 150 years," BAA President George Cowden III wrote in an email to members.

Some members have also discussed expanding the association's mission to include awarding scholarships to current students, wrote Wooten.

Wooten said the BAA has taken great strides to preserve a democratic approach to decision-making within the association.

"We have 17,000 different members, and we have 17,000 different opinions," Wooten said. "That's part of the beauty of it — it is a democratic organization."

This emphasis placed on voting processes is what ushered in the association's new implementation of remote voting last December, which will allow members not in attendance to still participate in future association votes via the internet and mail services, Wooten said.

"If we ever get to the point of having another member-

ship vote, everybody will be able to participate, as opposed to what happened on September 7," Wooten said, referring to the organization's most recent association-wide vote.

The Sept. 7 vote, which determined whether the BAA would remain an independent organization from Baylor, occurred when the BAA did not yet offer remote voting, restricting votes to members only present in Waco.

"I feel like at the last vote that we were not in a position to include obviously tens of thousands or maybe just 10,000 voters and I regretted that because I wanted to hear more from the members on the subject being proposed," Cowden said after the BAA's bylaws were amended to allow remote voting. "This, I think, addresses that."

Lori Fogleman, Baylor's assistant vice president for media communications, said the university has taken notice of the BAA's bureaucratic changes.

"We are encouraged that the association is contemporized with their voting procedures," she said.

Wooten said despite the turbulence associated with the BAA and Baylor's relationship last semester, the association will continue to function normally.

"As it stands right now, we will continue with business as usual," he said. "We'll keep meeting the needs of alumni the best we can."

Fogleman echoed these sentiments, and said Baylor will "move forward" with its own plans for a Baylor alumni community.

"We remain hopeful regarding the ultimate resolution of the association," Fogleman said.

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